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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to an August 5, 2003 conversation with the Examiner, in which the Examiner requested certain amendments to claims 8-10. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.